



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Moore & Community Services Team Recognized with Employee Awards

Gaithersburg, MD – (June 22, 2021) At the Mayor and City Council meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, Administrative Assistant Maryzeil Moore and the Community Services Team were recognized with Employee Recognition Awards for the first quarter of calendar year 2021.

Made up of peers from each department, Gaithersburg's Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) reviews nominations for individuals and teams on a quarterly basis. These winners are then eligible for the annual Employee and Team of the Year Awards.

Maryzeil Moore, Administrative Assistant in the Department of Planning and Code Administration, was named Employee of the First Quarter for her consistent, friendly and helpful service, especially during the pandemic, in her role as the City Hall front desk receptionist. Since late summer of 2020, Maryzeil has handled the majority of the receptionist responsibilities, serving as the principal contact for visitors who come to City Hall. She has to respond to visitor calls and coordinate their requests, many of which are not planned in advance and are more challenging in the pandemic environment. It was noted in her nomination that Maryzeil is polite and welcoming to everyone, and always represents the City in a positive light.

The **Community Services Team**, comprised of Maureen Herndon, Tawana Lofton, Britta Monaco, Karla Contreras, and Geraldine Bernedo of the Department of Community and Public Relations, was named the Team of the First Quarter. The Team was nominated for its committed and ongoing service to help those in need in the Gaithersburg community, especially in a time of extreme crisis. Being a small group forced the Team to work long hours to find ways to help and to coordinate links to resources for numerous critical needs, including COVID testing, food, rent relief, financial support, and more. It was noted in the nomination that in many ways, the services offered by Community Services are among the most important that the City provides. The Team has also taken the lead to promote and coordinate COVID-19 vaccinations through collaboration with the State, County, and nonprofit providers.

For more information about the Employee Recognition Awards please contact the Office of the City Manager at 301-258-6310 or visit the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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